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therapeutically effective amount of pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH₂ as an active ingredient under time and conditions to treat said Glu induced neurotoxicity.

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10. (Twice Amended) A method of reducing Glu induced neurotoxicity in brain, spinal cord and/or retina comprising administering to a patient a composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of (a) pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH₂ and (b) N-tert-Butyl-α-(2-sulfophenyl) nitrone or a free radical scavenging nitrone that enhances the effects of pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH₂ under time and conditions to treat said Glu induced neurotoxicity.

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13. (Amended) A method of preventing Glu induced neurotoxicity in brain, spinal cord and/or retina comprising administering to a patent a composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH₂ as an active ingredient under time and conditions to treat said Glu induced neurotoxicity.

Please add the following claims:

14. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein said neuroprotective amount is about 0.5 to 10 mg per kilogram of body weight per dose.

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15. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is one or more ingredients selected from the group consisting of: starch, sugar, flavoring agents, preservatives, water, organic co-solvents, flavor emulsions, oils and elixirs.

16. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable carrier affords prolonged action or sustained release.